

2023 Iowa Rural Summit

Monday April 10

Pre-Conference Opportunities

- 10:00-3:00 2023 Annual Rural Housing Readiness Assessment Conference. Lunch provided.
Ames Gateway Hotel and Conference Center, Garden Room
To Register: <https://go.iastate.edu/53TIBU>
- 1:00-5:00 Rural Site Visits
Ogden: Legacy Initiatives - Past, Present & Future (tour and presentation, 2-3:30)
Ames: Power Pollen (tour and presentation, 2-3:30)
Roland: Hawkeye Molding (tour and presentation, 2-3:30)
- 5pm- 7pm: Welcome Reception at Gateway Hotel
Garden Room
Sponsored by The Bill Menner Group and Trusted Energy

Tuesday April 11

- 7:30-9am Registration and Continental breakfast
Sponsored by Iowa American Water
- 9am Conference Welcome, Gateway Hotel Prairie Ballroom
- IRDC Board President Mark Reinig
 - ISU VP for Extension Jason Henderson
- 9:15am Conference Opening Keynote, Prairie Ballroom.
Danielle Nierenberg, President, *Food Tank: The Think Tank for Food*
Sponsored by CultureALL
- 10:00am Celebration of Sponsors and Exhibitors, Prairie Ballroom
- 10:30am Networking Break
- 11:00am Break-out Sessions, Round 1
- Critical Issues: *Addressing Rural Food Access, Prairie South Meeting Room*
Sponsored by Iowa Healthiest State Initiative
Danielle Nierenberg (moderator)
Kelly Carr, Mount Pleasant
Haleisa Johnson, Strawberry Point
Kate Olson, Atlantic
- Facilities/Projects: *Building Momentum: Recent Child Care Successes, Prairie Central*
Sponsored by First Children's Finance
Angie Duncan (moderator)
Cathy Essick, Brooklyn
Mindy Stalker, Creston/Union County
Josh Laraby, Fairfield

Facing the Future: *FINDing Rural Healthcare Professionals*, Prairie North Meeting Room
Sponsored by Delta Dental
Ethan Pitt (moderator)
Dr. Tony Brantner, Algona
Maureen Elbert, Kossuth County
Dr. Bryn Johnson, Iowa Falls

12:15pm Lunch, Garden Room
Sponsored by D.A. Davidson
Empowering Rural Iowa with Lieutenant Governor Adam Gregg
15 Ideas in 15 Minutes

1:30pm Break-out Sessions, Round 2

Critical Issues: *Local Cheerleaders and Welcome Wagons*
Raquel Botello (moderator)
Andy Maw, Ottumwa
Patricia Ritchie, Denison
Margo Underwood, Pocahontas County

Facilities/Projects: *Public Libraries Driving Innovation*, Prairie Central Meeting Room
Sponsored by Grinnell Mutual
Jamie Williams (moderator)
Kim Albright, Hopkinton
Crystal Duffy, Postville
Andrew Hoppmann, Clarinda
Dr. Zachary Stier, Boone

Facing the Future: *Rural Hospitals as Economic Engines*, Prairie North
Sponsored by Iowa Association of Business & Industry
Ashley Thompson (moderator)
Jennifer Havens, Grinnell
Craig Hohn, Rock Rapids
Steve Simonin, Belmond and Clarion

2:30pm Short Break with Light Snack/Transition to Break-out Rooms

2:45pm Break-out Sessions, Round 3

Critical Issues: *Leveraging a Downtown Assessment Team Visit*, Prairie South
Sponsored by Bolton & Menk
Jim Thompson (moderator)
Maureen Elbert, Kossuth/Palo Alto County
Jeff Kolb, Butler/Grundy County
Dylan Morse, Knoxville

Facilities/Projects: *Expanding Community Assets through Leaders and Volunteers*
Sponsored by Wellmark
Himar Hernandez (moderator)
Shirley Kessel, Lamoni
Katie Mason, Coon Rapids
Joy Padget – Keosauqua

Facing the Future: *Rural Business Continuity, Succession & Worker Cooperatives*
Sponsored by UNI Advance Iowa
Stacy Mullinex (moderator)
Carla Eysink, Knoxville
Rachael Kinnick, Grinnell
Kimberly Tiefenthaler, Carroll

- 3:45pm Hotel Check-in and Meet the Vendors!
- 5:00pm *Rural Recognition Reception, Garden Room*
Sponsored by Iowa Farm Bureau/Renew Rural Iowa
- 5:30pm *The Rand Fisher Rural Leadership Awards Ceremony, Garden Room*
Sponsored by IADG Community Foundation
- 6:30pm Dinner on your Own

Wednesday April 12

- 7:30am Buffet Breakfast/Community Networking Time, Garden Room
Sponsored by ITC Midwest
- 8:30am Welcome Back, Day 2
- 8:40am Roundtable: *Powerful Rural Businesses: 10KSB Alums, Prairie Ballroom*
Sponsored by DMACC/Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses
Jacki Boldt (moderator)
Wayne Barahona, Sheldon
Kelly Bay, Emmetsburg
Heidi Kaisand, Conrad
Aryn Henning Nichols, Decorah
- 9:45am Break/Check Out
- 10:15am *45 Ideas in 45 Minutes, Prairie Ballroom*
Sponsored by ISU Economic Development and Industry Relations/ America's SBDC Iowa
- 11:00am Closing Keynote: Carrie Henning-Smith, *Rural Vitality Through the Lens of Social Well-being* Prairie Ballroom
Sponsored by Delta Dental
- 11:50pm Parting Messages and Adjournment